

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the following invention groups:

Group I: Claims 68-73 and 75-116, drawn to an initiator, classified in class 502, subclass 150; or

Group II: Claim 74, drawn to a method of polymerization, classified in class 526, subclass 90+.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group I, including claims 68-73 and 75-116, for further prosecution in the application. Applicants retain the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future.

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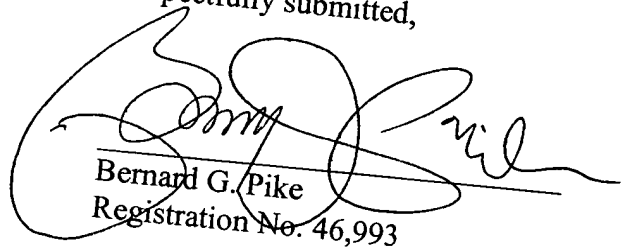
2. Election of Species

The Examiner asserts that the Applicants are required to elect under 35 U.S.C. § 121 disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Responsive to this requirement, Applicants choose 2, 2' Azobis [2-methyl-N-(2-(2-bromoisobutyryloxy)-ethyl) propionamide] from Example 270. Claims 68, 69, 72-80 read on this election.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the restriction and election requirement presented by the Examiner. Examination of the application's elected claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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